



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.